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The London Lightning's Gabe Freeman plants one on the National Basketball League of Canada trophy shortly after his squad captured the league's inaugural championship. Freeman was named both regular-season and playoff MVP, averaging 18 points and 12.3 rebounds per game over 41 contests. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

# Hoop dream comes true

**We are the champions.** London Lightning capture inaugural National Basketball League of Canada title

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Just what the city of London needed — a championship.

The London Lightning are the first winners of the National Basketball League of Canada final series, defeating the Halifax Rainmen by a score of 116-92 in Game 5.

"I don't even have words right now," Londoner and Lightning forward Patrick Sewell said while beaming, moments after lifting the championship trophy over his head. "I'm so happy right now. It's awesome for London, awesome for Canada."

Before a record crowd of 5,106 at the John Labatt Centre on Sunday afternoon, the Lightning recovered from their sub-par road performances in games 3 and 4 to capture the historic first title banner.

Season-long court general DeAnthony Bowden was the hero in the first and fourth quarters, carrying the Lightning on his back. The six-foot 190-pounder finished with a game-high 28 points to go with five assists and four rebounds.

Regular-season MVP Gabe Freeman was also named the playoff MVP after averaging 20.4 points and 13.6 rebounds per game. His charismatic head coach, Michael Ray Richardson, was crowned coach of the year.

There is no "sixth man of the year" award in the NBL of Canada playoffs. If there were such an honour, though, the Forest City faithful would certainly be the front-runners.

"When you have a town that wants you to win, and want to be part of the team, you can't ask for anything better," Freeman said of the fanbase.

Sewell's jubilation spread through the Lightning's entire roster and staff, including former Rainmen forward Rodney Buford.

"I started the season in Halifax, and then I finish the season in London with a championship," the former NBA player said, pausing for a moment. "Nothing feels better than that."

Buford, 34, played an integral part in clinching the victory, hitting three of six three-point attempts and finishing with 18 points.

In Sunday's finale, the Lightning broke their curse by staying competitive in the third quarter (26-26). In the first four games of the series, the Rainmen outscored the Lightning by a combined score of 106-68 in the 12 minutes after halftime.

**Game by game**

(Bold denotes home team.)

- 1. **86 London**, 83 Halifax
- 2. **113 London**, 96 Halifax
- 3. 93 London, **95 Halifax**
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# Council to consider pay raise

**Motion.** Increase would come as others at city hall remain frozen

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City councillors would get a 3.1 per cent pay raise this year under a proposal being tabled Monday at city hall.

The increase — equating to a $991 increase for regular councillors and $1,028 for those who head committees — would be the first since 2008. Mayor Joe Fontana would see $3,088 more, pushing his salary into six digits.

One-third of elected officials' salary is tax-free. If the 3.1 per cent increase moves ahead, it would bring salaries to the taxable equivalent of $35,726 for the average councillor, $37,061 for committee heads, and $128,980 for the mayor.

City policy requires that politicians' salaries be discussed each year. The size of the recommended increase is based on the lesser of the provincial labour index or the consumer price index.

Members of the finance and administration committee will consider the issue at 1 p.m. Coun. Paul Hubert, the committee's vice-chairman, wants to see an all-out review of elected officials' pay — something last done in 2010 — starting with the "mayor's salary and working backwards."

Taking a raise while administrators are still living under a wage freeze is tough to stomach, Hubert said.

"I think we have to be fair in that respect and we have to lead by example."

In other news, committee members will hear a report on a $5.9-million surplus in the 2011 tax-supported budget. City administrators want to see the lion's share of the money — $4.6 million — put toward bringing an economic-prosperity plan to fruition.

Staff have recommended splitting the rest of the money between a technology reserve fund, the housing corporation, the trees and forests advisory committee, and the heritage advisory committee.

Committee members also will consider spending $2 to buy 4,795 square feet of property at 121 Briscoe St. that's being held in trust. The land would become part of an adjacent park.

**By the numbers**

How the proposed city council pay hike would affect salaries:

- Councillor: $31,979 in 2011; $32,970 in 2012
- Committee chair: $33,174 in 2011; $34,202 in 2012
- Mayor: $99,629 in 2011; $102,717 in 2012

## To the Batmobile! Custom cars attract enthusiasts at auto show

Hunter Bonnamie, 8, left, and his sister Jade Bonnamie, 12, both of London, hop aboard a recreated Batmobile on Sunday during the Speed and Custom Car Show in the Western Fair District's Agriplex. The show features everything from classic cars to some of the newest models on showroom floors. More than 5,000 people attended the weekend show. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

## New leader. Mathyssen touts NDP party unity

A local New Democrat MP says she's excited about the future under new leader Thomas Mulcair.

"We agreed that no matter who was the leader, we were going to move forward together," said London-Fanshawe MP Irene Mathyssen. "We were going to show Canada that there is a different way of doing the work of government, that it can be responsive, that it must be responsive to the needs of people.

"It's a promise we made to each other and it's a promise that we made to Jack Layton."

Mulcair won the leadership vote Saturday at a party convention in Toronto.

Irene Mathyssen METRO FILE

"The leader now has the obligation to reach out to those other camps and he's already done that," says Mathyssen.

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**Summer opportunity**

### Work with cops

The London Police Service is accepting applications for its Police Ethnic and Cultural Exchange program for teens. Applications are available at police.london.ca or in your school's guidance office. METRO

**YOU Made It Café**

### Culture fest for youth

Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) and the Life Resource Centre will host YOUth 2 Youth Culture Fest on Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the YOU Made It Café at The Cornerstone (332 Richmond St.). METRO

## Business. Technically speaking in London

Building success in technology-related businesses is on the radar as people from a host of companies mark Tech Week.

A key initiative of the celebration is heading into classrooms to promote tech careers among future leaders, said Donnie Claudino, director of communications and engagement with London's Tech Alliance.

Part of the goal is getting rid of the old-school view that tech jobs deal strictly with fixing computers and mainframes. In today's world, "tech" means everything from working in "manufacturing to digital media to health-care innovation," Claudino said.

**Tech companies**

**300+**

Number of London technology companies ranging from game development to financial services.

"It's really a big umbrella."

Tech Alliance — an organization aimed retaining and supporting tech businesses in the London region — hosts Tech Week each year. Aside from sending industry experts into secondary schools, the week includes seminars focused on helping companies grow and sharpening the region's edge in the market. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

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**Mobile news**

Premier Dalton McGuinty is standing by his embattled health minister over the Ornge scandal, drawing the ire of opposition members, who are calling Deb Matthews an 'incompetent disgrace.' Scan the code for the story.

**On the web**

### *Outrage over teen's death grows*

One month after the shooting death of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin, African-American community churches around the U.S. have amplified the cries for justice. Watch Rev. Jesse Jackson speak to a standing-room-only crowd at metronews.ca/video

# Profile. FC London grad part of overachieving Team Canada squad

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Carl Haworth FLICKR.COM/PHOTOS/CANADASOCCER

What's an exaggerated word for "surreal"? Quick, Carl Haworth needs it.

"It's been surreal," the FC London alumnus (2009-2011) said via phone from Nashville, Tenn., a day before the CONCACAF men's Olympic qualifying tournament kicked off.

The 22-year-old midfielder said he was surprised to even make the squad, let alone play the entirety of a 0-0 draw versus El Salvador.

Since then, Haworth has played a total of 90 minutes for Team Canada. The "dream come true" of playing for his country has had a tinge of controversy.

An El Salvador opponent bit the Barrie native on the arm Thursday. Retaliation from Haworth, in the form of a shove, garnered him a yellow card.

Despite playing out the rest of the match, the Montreal Impact prospect was unused in Canada's upset 2-0 win over the United States on Saturday.

"The thing that we have in our favour is that all the pressure is on the U.S. to do well," he said prior to the tournament in regards to facing the Olympic-medal hopefuls.

The underdog approach evidently worked, and will likely pay dividends for the Canadians. They face Cuba on Monday night, a nation that has lost its first two games at the qualifier by a combined score of 0-10.

Heading into the match, Canada is tied with El Salvador atop the Group A standings. Two teams advance from each group into the semi-finals next Saturday, with the winners earning a berth in the Olympics.

# OHL playoffs. Knights storm back to grab 2-0 series lead over Spits

The London Knights spotted the Spitfires a 2-0 first-period lead before coming back to defeat Windsor 3-2 in OHL playoff action Sunday afternoon at the WFCU Centre.

The Knights lead the best-of-seven series 2-0.

Spitfires forward Nick Czinder scored two goals in less than four minutes in the first period.

London's Seth Griffith did one better in the second period, counting two power-play goals just 49 seconds apart. Rookie defenceman Olli Maatta had assists on both of Griffith's goals.

Austin Watson, named the game's first star, scored an unassisted goal at 9:57 of the final frame to give London the victory. Czinder and Griffith were the second and third stars of the game, respectively.

In goal, London's Michael Houser, who shut out the Spitfires in Game 1 at the JLC on Friday, made 19 saves Sunday. Windsor goalie Jaroslav Pavelka blocked 29 shots.

The series resumes Monday at 7 p.m. at the John Labatt Centre.

For tickets, visit londonknights.com.

Seth Griffith GEOFFREY MCMURRAY/FOR METRO

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**Ontario budget**

## Province eyes welfare freeze

Premier Dalton McGuinty says he's freezing welfare and delaying planned increases to the Ontario Child Benefit to help slay the deficit.

McGuinty says he's freezing social assistance, which includes Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program, for a year.

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**Altercation**

## 'White pride' damage done

London police are investigating after Citi Plaza parking-garage equipment was damaged during a Saturday fight involving a "white-pride group."

Police were in the area of Victoria Park to monitor the group's planned rally outside city hall when a group of anti-hate protesters formed. That group marched to York and Clarence streets at about 2 p.m. and had an altercation with the pride group.

The rally was cancelled.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

**Roads**

## Man dies in West London crash

A section of Springbank Drive was closed for several hours Sunday morning as police investigated a fatal collision.

Police say a car left the roadway between Westmount Drive and Commissioners Road West at around 5 a.m. and struck a tree. The lone male occupant of the car was pronounced dead at the scene. Police say he was 21 years old.

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**Fundraiser**

## Bowling for a great cause

The second annual Roll & Bowl will be held Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bowlerama Royale (2086 Dundas St.) to raise money for the Canadian Paraplegic Association Ontario, with nearly 200 bowlers expected.

This year's goal is to top $20,000. Prizes will be given for the best theme team, best individual score and best team score.

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# Western drops hockey final in OT

Fifth-year captain Evan Vossen scored six minutes into overtime as the McGill Redmen defeated the Western University Mustangs, 4-3, to win the Canadian men's hockey University Cup on Sunday night in Fredericton, N.B.

Keaton Turkiewicz scored twice for Western, including the tying goal at 14:48 of the third period, while the Mustangs had a five-minute power play. McGill winger Francis Verreault-Paul got a major and game misconduct for charging Western goaltender Josh Unice.

Kevin Baker had the other goal for Western, and also chipped in two assists. Scott Aarssen had two helpers for the Mustangs.

Benoit Levesque, with two, and Nicolas Biniek had the other goals for McGill, which won its first university hockey championship in 135 years.

Unice made 43 saves for the Mustangs, while McGill netminder Hubert Morin turned aside 17 shots.

Turkiewicz and Levesque were named the players of the game. The tournament MVP was Verreault-Paul. METRO

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## New depths. James Cameron dives to deepest spot on Earth

Hollywood icon James Cameron has made it to Earth's deepest point.

The Canadian director of Titanic, Avatar and other films used a specially designed submarine to dive nearly 11 kilometres, completing his journey a little before 8 a.m. Monday local time, according to Stephanie Montgomery of the National Geographic Society.

He planned to spend about six hours exploring and filming the Mariana Trench, about 320 kilometres southwest of the Pacific island of Guam.

His arrival at a depth of 10,898 metres came early Sunday evening on the U.S. East Coast, after a descent that took more than two hours. The scale of the trench is hard to grasp — it's 120 times larger than the Grand Canyon and 1.6 kilometres deeper than Mount Everest is tall.

Cameron made the dive aboard his 12-tonne, lime-green sub called Deepsea Challenger. He planned to collect samples for biologists and geologists to study. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Risk**

**10.9**

One of the risks of a dive so deep is extreme water pressure. At 10.9 kilometres below the surface, the pressure is the equivalent of three SUVs sitting on your toe.

## Show of support for slain teen

Patrick Mulchay, centre, joins other congregants in song during a service at Middle Collegiate Church in New York on Sunday. Churchgoers were invited to wear hoodies to services to show their support for justice in the case of Trayvon Martin, an unarmed black teenager who was wearing a hoodie on the night he was killed by a neighbourhood-watch captain in Florida. SETH WENIG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Magnitude-7.1. Powerful earthquake rattles central Chile

A magnitude-7.1 earthquake struck central Chile Sunday night, the strongest and longest that many people said they had felt since a huge quake devastated the area two years ago. There were no immediate reports of deaths or major damage.

The quake struck at 7:30 p.m. about 27 kilometres north-northwest of Talca, a city of more than 200,000 people where residents said the shaking lasted about a minute.

Buildings swayed in Chile's capital 219 kilometres to the north, and people living along a 770-kilometre stretch of Chile's central coast were briefly warned to head for higher ground.

Residents were particularly alarmed in Constitucion, where much of the coastal downtown at the mouth of a river was obliterated by the tsunami caused by the magnitude-8.8 quake in 2010.

Panic also struck in Santiago and other cities, with people running out of skyscrapers, and many neighbourhoods were left partly or totally without electrical power. Phone service was disrupted by heavy use.

"There are some injuries but nothing serious," said Interior Minister Rodrigo Hinzpeter, who was serving as acting president while Sebastian Pinera is on tour in Asia.

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# ANGRY BIRDS CREATOR PETER VESTERBACKA

The game has transfixed the world with its angry — but cute — birds' catapulting of pigs. A new game is based in space. But Peter Vesterbacka, Angry Birds' creator, aims even higher: he wants to get the whole world exercising — with Angry Birds, of course.

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

Peter Vesterbacka is known as Mighty Eagle, and he's the guru behind the Angry Birds games. Metro met Vesterbacka, who was clad, as usual, in an Angry Birds hoodie, at the Finnish Embassy in London.

**Extremely busy people spend hours playing Angry Birds. What does that tell you about human psychology?**

Everybody is busy nowadays. Angry Birds is a break that allows you to get away, even if it's just for a few minutes, so they can then get back and focus on their task. It's a very healthy habit. It's like vacations: people in Nordic countries take long vacations, but when they work, their productivity is very high. Angry Birds, and vacations, is like doing maintenance on yourself.

## "GAMES ARE GOOD FOR YOUR BRAIN"

**Recently, a magazine calculated that Angry Birds costs the U.S. $1.5 billion in lost productivity each year. Do you feel guilty about that?**

That's bullsh–t.... It's not like people are always working. Look at the proportions. People play Angry Birds for perhaps two hours a month — but they spend 158.5 hours per month watching TV. And when you watch TV, you lean back and watch the screen. When you play Angry Birds, you lean forward and engage your brain. You're active, not passive.

**So Angry Birds is not a waste of time but a way of recharging one's brain?**

Absolutely. Playing games is actually a very good thing to do..... Incidentally, it's the same reason we're launching the Angry Birds activity parks: why not make physical activity fun? You can go for a five-kilometre run, which is fine, but not everyone thinks it's fun. With our activity parks we want to make physical activity a fun thing to do. We want the Angry Birds activity parks to be all over cities ... so you can easily walk or ride your bike to one.

**The sequel**

Here's what's new in Angry Birds Space:

- "We retain many of the core elements of the familiar game that fans already know and love, but take it to the next level by adding innovative elements like zero-gravity and new characters.... From the weightlessness of space to the gravity wells of nearby planets, fans can have fun with physics," says Petri Järvilehto, executive vice-president of games at Rovio Entertainment.
- "You have to think about how to make the birds go around the planets and hit the pigs," adds creative director Peter Vesterbacka. "There are some elements that are very familiar, but it's also a new take on the classic Angry Birds game."
- Angry Birds Space features 60 levels and a new bird.

The Stats:

- In 2011, 30 million people played Angry Birds a day, and 130 million people played it monthly. That's 109.5 billion minutes per year.
- The game has been downloaded more than 500 million times across platforms in less than two years. They hope to reach 800 million downloads.

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# BIGGING UP KID-MENTORING WITH A GALA BASH

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Katrina and Nico have been paired together through the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of London & Area for a year and a half now, and both agree they can't even imagine life without the other.

"(Nico) has added so much colour and variety to my life," said Katrina, 24, who works as a technical writer in the city.

"She has brought a sense of fun and spontaneity, as well as the value of teaching someone something new."

Says 16-year-old Nico of Katrina: "By teaching me how to knit and taking me to museums, she has opened up a new part of the world I didn't know before."

But as with many pairings through Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Nico — the "little" — has done some teaching of her own.

Most notably, she has introduced Katrina to the world of art.

And that is something in which the pair has been highly involved, as Nico has been painting seriously for the last two years.

"Being able to visually express myself is an outlet for me when times are rough," she said.

The pair has managed to combine their artistic activities with their involvement with Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

**Shaping young lives**

**"I know there are many children in this community whose lives we can enrich by offering a mentor.... It's important for them to just be a kid and have somebody who is safe and secure that they can talk to and have fun with."**

Becky Griffiths, Big Brother/Big Sisters board member and co-chair of this year's gala, The Big Bash

Earlier this month, they participated in ArtTastic, an art workshop at the agency that brought together a number of "bigs" and "littles."

"I find her art to be very meaningful," Katrina said. "She has an uncanny ability to express herself through painting."

Not only that, but Nico is very talented.

Last year, her abstract painting of a ballerina sold for nearly $150 in a silent auction at the Big Brothers/Big Sisters gala.

She was proud of the piece and also happy to help the organization that has given her so much. This year, she'll be contributing a few pieces to the auction.

"In any way I can help I will try because it's an amazing thing to give something in return," she said.

This year's gala — now dubbed The Big Bash — will be held May 11 in the Carousel Room at the Western Fair District.

As the organization's premier fundraising event, Big Brothers/Big Sisters is hoping to raise much-needed funds to continue setting up successful matches like Katrina and Nico.

"We've been working really hard to make sure it's a really fun party," said Becky Griffiths, a board member and co-chair of the gala.

"Our silent auction will be one of the best London has ever seen."

Griffiths, a lawyer in the city, has been involved with Big Brothers/Big Sisters since 2002, and she is fully aware how important the organization is to the community.

"I got involved because the strong women and men in my life shaped who I am," she said.

"And I know there are many children in this community whose lives we can enrich by offering a mentor.... It's important for them to just be a kid and have somebody who is safe and secure that they can talk to and have fun with."

For more information, visit bbbsola.org.

# Irises of sapphire and gold

LORRAINE HUDGINS/REX FEATURES

**Eye dandy**

## Bi-coloured eyes key to kitty's charm

For lovers of cutesy, quirky animals, all eyes are on Speedy the Cat — the white cat born with one blue eye and one gold. This kitty has a feline form of complete heterochromia, a condition that also occurs in some other animals. Graphic designer Lorraine Hudgins, shown at right, took this snap at her workplace. MWN

**Nice! But I'm allergic**

**Is this odd-eyed cat yours?**

No, she belongs to the owners of the print shop where I work. I thought she would make a good subject for a photograph, so one day I brought in my camera to take some snaps of her. She's very sweet-tempered but does meow loudly when she wants something — probably because she can't hear herself, as she is deaf.

**A deaf pet? Does that not make her a less pleasant companion?**

Speedy's deafness and eye condition don't make her any less of a pet. It depends on each animal how valuable they are, but in Speedy's case, she's such a special character! She's a sweetheart, even though she does make me sneeze, as I am allergic!

ANTHONY JOHNSTON/MWN

**Heterochromia**

- **Lack or excess of pigment.** Heterochromia is a genetic condition that stops melanin pigment from reaching one of the irises; the condition can also supply excess pigment.
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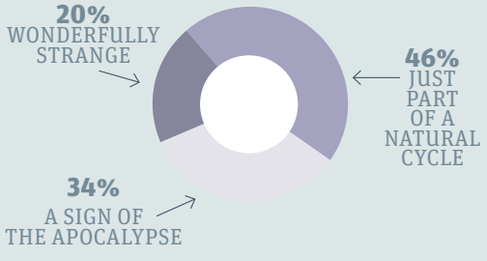


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Top 10

## Weekend box office

1. The Hunger Games, $155 million.
2. 21 Jump Street, $21.3 million ($5.3 million internationally).
3. Dr. Seuss' the Lorax, $13.1 million ($5.5 million internationally).
4. John Carter, $5 million ($22.2 million internationally).
5. Act of Valor, $2.1 million.
6. Project X, $2 million.
7. A Thousand Words, $1.9 million.
8. October Baby, $1.7 million.
9. Safe House, $1.39 million ($2.3 million internationally).
10. Journey 2: The Mysterious Island, $1.37 million.

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On the Web

Rare movie posters found in Pennsylvania attic fetch $503,000 at auction; Dracula tops list

# 5 teenage movie bad-asses we love to root for

Jennifer Lawrence already proved in 2010's Winter's Bone that she could play a girl with strength, wisdom and survival instincts beyond her years. Her performance made her the ideal choice to play Katniss Everdeen, the 16-year-old heroine of The Hunger Games. Here's a look at five other teenage movie bad-asses — if you're not too intimidated to take them on, that is.

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## 1 'The king of Hogwarts'

**Daniel Radcliffe in the Harry Potter movies:** He defeats pure evil. What more do you need?

Sure, he starts out as a slightly nerdy, insecure 11-year-old, living a miserable life underneath the stairs at his aunt and uncle's house, unaware of the greatness that dwells within him.

But by the time he hits his teenage years, he's mastering spells and brandishing his wand with purpose and ferocity. He's the king of Hogwarts. Professors admire him. Friends are loyal to him. Chicks dig him. Everyone knows his name — including Lord Voldemort, who could be using his destructive powers in myriad other ways, but instead chooses to focus them on our young hero. And he probably wishes he hadn't.

Harry thinks on his feet and conquers every challenge but still remains a good kid at heart.

Daniel Radcliffe in Harry Potter CONTRIBUTED

## 2 The blonde arctic warrior

**Saoirse Ronan in Hanna (2011):** Ronan re-teams with Joe Wright, who directed her to an Oscar nomination for Atonement, in a role that could not be more different, or more challenging.

She stars as the title character, a blonde-haired, blue-eyed, 16-year-old killing machine.

Living with her father (Eric Bana) in a rustic cabin in a remote and unforgiving forest just below the Arctic Circle, she learns to hunt, fight and speak in various languages.

Their hand-to-hand combat scenes are quick, intense, visceral — until one day she tells him, "I'm ready."

Upon embarking on the journey that's her destiny, she gets captured by government agents who think she's a shy and sheltered little girl.

But, uh ... they're wrong. Even Cate Blanchett in fierce Prada heels can't stop her.

Saoirse Ronan in Hanna CONTRIBUTED

## 3 Teen loner turned detective

**Joseph Gordon-Levitt in Brick (2005):** I must admit I did not love this movie, a 1930s-style film noir set in a contemporary Southern California high school, when it first came out. I admired how daring it was, but found it too self-conscious ... maybe I should revisit it.

Still, I always loved Gordon-Levitt's performance as Brendan, a teenage loner who's investigating the murder of one of his classmates.

In the tradition of classic Humphrey Bogart characters, Brendan's looks in no way indicate what he's capable of doing as he digs closer to the dangerous truth.

He's slight, fine-featured and messy-haired, perennially dressed in a simple, grey hooded sweat shirt.

But he's quick-witted and he can take a punch (the frequency with which he gets his butt kicked is comical), all of which he's willing to do for this doomed woman he loved.

Joseph Gordon-Levitt in Brick CONTRIBUTED

## 4 Sean Penn as a loveable stoner

**Sean Penn in Fast Times at Ridgemont High (1982):** No matter how many roles Penn immerses himself in or Oscars he wins, he will always be Jeff Spicoli to me.

Spicoli totally knows how to navigate the system. He orders pizza in Mr. Hand's class — 'cause there's nothing wrong with a little feast on our time — trashes a sports car and turns it into a positive for the school's football team, has fun at all the joiner activities like dances and games but still remains blissfully, obliviously cool and above the fray.

Of course, he's high the entire time — and we would never condone drug use here in the Five Most space — but Spicoli does graduate.

And he saves Brooke Shields from drowning.

Sean Penn, left, in Fast Times at Ridgemont High CONTRIBUTED

## 5 Pioneer power in pigtails

**Hailee Steinfeld in True Grit (2010):** Her pigtails and her purity make her adorable, but her strong will and resourcefulness make her a force to be reckoned with.

Steinfeld made her astonishingly self-assured film debut as Mattie Ross, the 19th-century pioneer girl who sets the story's action in motion, and earned an Oscar nomination for best supporting actress in the process.

She was only 13 when she shot the movie, and to say she holds her own with Jeff Bridges, Matt Damon, Josh Brolin and the rest of the cast would be an understatement.

She dominates the Coen brothers' film — carries it, practically — handling the difficult language as well as the physical challenges with equal aplomb.

Hailee Steinfeld, right, in True Grit CONTRIBUTED

Look What You've Done

# Club owner wants Drake to pay for pot bust

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# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

A rapper smoking weed? Not that surprising. A rapper smoking weed in Oklahoma City?

Well, also not that surprising.

What else is there to do in Oklahoma City?

Earlier this week, Drake, the former child star turned loverboy, was reportedly responsible for a huge cloud of pot smoke in a VIP area, which caused the Dollhouse Lounge to close down — even though they opened for the night especially for him, according to TMZ.

But here's where the story gets weird: The spot's manager claims that once he and the staff smelled the smoke, they shut the party down.

Then the cops came (apparently to help "restore order") and they discovered a half-burnt joint where Drake and his entourage were previously hanging.

So they arrested the club manager — not Drake — and now the manager is mad and wants Drake to help him out with the various tickets that amount to several thousands worth, according to TMZ.

A half smoked joint found in an ashtray causes not only an arrest but also a lawsuit?

"Crime" in Oklahoma City is just adorable. What do club owners expect when they rent out a club to a world-famous rapper and his entourage?

A knitting circle?

**Drake.** ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Kim Kardashian

## Kim's flour bomb

Last Thursday, someone threw a plastic bag of flour at Kim Kardashian on the red carpet, probably not the first time she's been covered in white powder.

Afterwards, the reality TV star said she wouldn't press charges but now tells E! News: "I said earlier no I wasn't. (But) I am just going to think about it, because I don't want someone to think they can really get away with that. I was laughing it off earlier and, you know, I think that is the only thing I knew how to do at the time."

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Commercial tests

## Food allergies

**Commercial tests that claim to determine if a person has food allergies, sensitivities or an inability to tolerate certain foods are a waste of money, warns a Toronto allergy specialist.**

**Dr. Elana Lavine says the tests, which can cost hundreds of dollars, look for an antibody reaction to a whole range of foods. When they find a response with an antibody known as immunoglobulin G or IgG, they characterize the result as unhealthy, suggesting the existence of either a food allergy, an intolerance or food sensitivity.**

**But Lavine says that it's a misreading of what an IgG reaction means. Science isn't 100 per cent sure what an IgG response actually signifies, she said, but it is thought to mean that a person has already encountered the proteins in that particular food and may even have developed a tolerance to them.**

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On the Web

Teachers, parents, writers explore yin-yang of Titanic for kids ahead of wreck's centennial

Is your dad like the guy from Up? PIXAR

# Avoiding the 'oh no, grandpa's here' reaction

**Grandparents.**
'Discipline as normal,' and other great tips for when the folks visit you and the kids

A good friend returned home after a month in Australia completely deflated. It was, she said, a time of dashed expectations, misunderstandings and tension her three-year-old picked up on.

Not only was she no longer speaking to her parents, but her marriage was strained, the kids had suffered — nobody was left unaffected by the fallout from two households colliding.

A lot of our friends listened to her tale of woe with disbelief, but I found it rather familiar.

A family's baser characteristics only tend to magnify themselves when one of the members moves away, as I did, 10 years ago. Naively, I'd expected our little differences to disappear into all the empty miles between us. But when quality time together is short, the pressure to make the most of it can cause some major explosions.

Here's some tricks to manage the chaos that surrounds a family visit.

### First the practical

• Each relative gets a transport pass, a set of car keys (though my parents would never drive in a foreign city), maps and guidebooks.

• My parents cross five time zones when they visit, so we've experimented with putting our own clocks back an hour at least in spirit) for the first day or two they're here. It gets everybody moving at a similar pace.

• Most grandparents are happy to babysit — even without being asked. My parents don't fall in that category. So if my husband and I have other plans when they're visiting, we reserve a sitter, then ask, once they've settled in. If they're happy to comply, we cancel the sitter. We also make sure they know they have the freedom to come and go as they wish.

• If you need your parents to help out with the children now and then, make sure they have time for a siesta in the late afternoon. We all need a break during the witching hour.

• Making the long trip to see us is a big deal for our families, so we make sure there's time for a touristy outing: a weekend in the country, a museum visit or a night at the theatre.

### Once the practicalities are out of the way

• Write a list (and keep it out of sight) of the things about your visitors that bother you but that you cannot change. Anticipate them and try to avoid them, then if you are confronted, they'll be easier to ignore.

• Blather on all you want about yourself, your children, your job, but don't forget to ask about their lives — theirs are not over yet.

• Stand by your parenting. Discipline as normal. Keep your routines. If your parents want to get involved, they should know they do so at their own peril. (I shudder to think how I would have turned out had my mother let her mother control her parenting choices.)

• A special family visit is not the time to air lifelong grievances. When you catch yourself about to scream: "You always do this," or "Can't you just for once…" run to your room and simmer on your own. Even if you slam a door or throw something up there, nobody should mind — as long as you return in good spirits.

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# Encourage kids to get creative and crafty

**Crafts.** These eight essentials for a craft cupboard will have your little ones building castles, rocket ships and much more

Encourage creativity by getting the kids involved in crafts. ISTOCK

As the days get longer, many parents are searching for meaningful ways to keep children occupied. So what better time to make sure your family's crafts cupboard is well stocked and up to date?

Here are eight essential arts and crafts items that are easy on the budget and simple to use.

**1.** Age-appropriate scissors. Even children as young as three can begin using safety scissors with supervision. Pay attention to age recommendations on packaging. Let tiny tots cut pictures out of old magazines to make a collage. Older kids can snip favourite shapes for all sorts of projects.

**2.** White craft glue or glue sticks. Little hands can manipulate glue sticks more easily than liquid glue, and parents can better control how much is used. Kids who can handle squeeze bottles may also enjoy coloured or glittered glues.

**3.** Construction paper. It's not just solid colours anymore. There are printed patterns and glittered pages, and fade-resistant papers that will keep projects looking cheery longer. Let young children paste strips of paper onto another piece for a simple project. Older children can practice origami, among other projects.

**4.** Felt and craft foam. Both add durability and texture to artwork. They're also more budget-friendly than many fabrics, and felt won't fray. Craft foam can be bought in precut shapes, from trucks to dolls to holiday decorations.

**5.** Markers and crayons. Washable is the word for many households when it comes to markers. Besides traditional markers, there are ones you can use on windows or dry erase boards. Crayons are one of the least expensive craft items. I

**6.** Paints and brushes. Young children should use non-toxic paints, and most parents prefer washable. Finger paints are perfect for even the tiniest tots. As kids enter preschool, they'll move on to tempura paint and large brushes. Then it's smaller brushes and watercolours for grade schoolers, and acrylic craft paints for older kids.

**7.** Popsicle sticks or pipe cleaners. Pipe cleaners are a colourful way to bind together other materials. Young children can create a caterpillar with an empty toilet tissue roll and pipe-cleaner antennae and appendages. Popsicle sticks give artwork structure and are super cheap. You can paint or colour them.

**8.** Yarn. Another item that comes in just about any colour. Create yarn pompoms and add felt eyes, ears, feet and hands to make soft monsters, bugs or animal friends. Make a picture frame with Popsicle sticks tightly wrapped in colorful yarn. Embellish for a keepsake.

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# Of finding a career in filmmaking and a ferret named Falcor

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## Spotlight on success.
From high school dropout to feature filmmaker

Alison Parker used to work at a sandwich shop in Vancouver just down the road from Columbia Academy.

"One day I took off my apron and walked across the street. They convinced me to apply. I went from a high school dropout to audio student of the year in 2002."

Alison got into the film industry and three years ago became a director. She also adopted a pet ferret named Falcor.

Upset at the way ferrets were being portrayed in the movies she decided to make a short film to challenge the negative stereotypes. Through sheer determination she raised the funds, found sponsors and convinced many of the cast and crew to volunteer their time.

Jake and Jasper: A Ferret Tale starring Falcor, Connor Stanhope, Andrew Jackson, Blu Mankuma and featuring the music of the Crash Test Dummies is a hit at several international film festivals. Parker is now in pre-production on her first feature-length movie.

"I didn't know it was going to be as big as it was with an all-star cast but I knew in my heart I could make it happen. I'm proud to say I turned my life around. It's never too late."

**Determination**

**"I didn't know it was going to be as big as it was with an all-star cast but I knew in my heart I could make it happen."**

**Alison Parker, director of Jake and Jasper, A Ferret Tale**

**Lights, camera, advice!**

**Alison's advice to aspiring filmmakers**

- Make films on what you know.
- Be original.
- Be passionate about it. If you love it chances are other people will love it too.
- Use social media daily to promote and grow your fan base.
- Make a clever, great quality promo to help raise funds.

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Alison Parker, film producer and director. PROVIDED

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Sports in pictures

**1 Curling.** Nedohin leads Canada to bronze

Canada's Heather Nedohin won the bronze medal at the women's world curling championship on Sunday in Lethbridge, Alta. Her Edmonton team defeated South Korea's Ji-Sun Kim 9-6. Switzerland's Mirjam Ott defeated Sweden's Margaretha Sigfriddson 7-6 in the gold medal match on Sunday evening.
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**2 NBA.** Bulls playoff bound

The Chicago Bulls became the first NBA team this season to win 40 games and seal a playoff berth with a 102-101 win over the Toronto Raptors on Saturday.
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**3 Skiing.** A silver sendoff

Anna Goodman won a slalom silver medal at the Canadian Championship in Mont-Saint-Anne, Que., on Sunday in her last race before retiring. The 26-year-old from Pointe Claire, Que., finished behind Marie-Michele Gagnon and ahead of Madison Irwin and Kristina Riis-Johannessen who tied for third.
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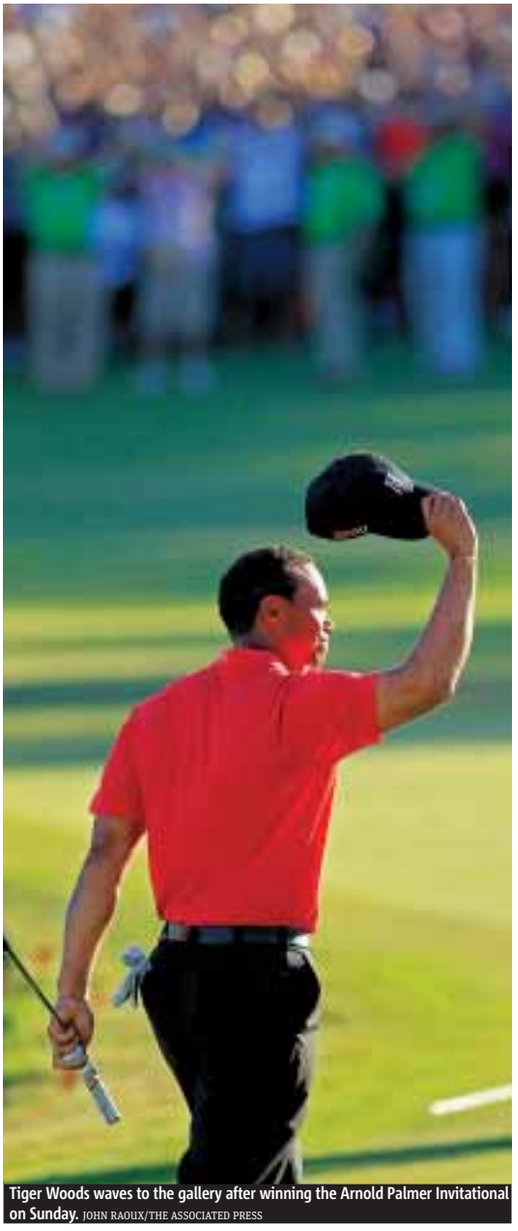
# Woods serves notice ahead of Masters



Tiger Woods waves to the gallery after winning the Arnold Palmer Invitational on Sunday. JOHN RAOUX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Golf.** Embattled star returns to winning ways on PGA Tour with victory in Orlando

Tiger Woods finally brought the buzz back to the very thing that made him famous — winning.

Two weeks after another injury scare, Woods looked as dominant as ever in the red shirt on Sunday to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill in Orlando.

It was his first PGA Tour victory since a sex scandal at the end of 2009 led to one of the greatest downfalls in sports.

Woods closed with a 2-under 70 for a five-shot win over Graeme McDowell.

The question two weeks ago was when he could play again. Now, it's whether he can get back to the player who once ruled golf.

Even though he won the Chevron World Challenge last December, this was meaningful for Woods — a full tour event against a strong field.

The final hole was a mere formality, and Woods tapped his putter on the ground waiting for his turn, knowing that his 30 months without a win on the PGA Tour was about to end. He walked off the green with his arm extended, waving his cap to a raucous gallery.

"It does feel good. It feels really good," Woods said before signing his card. "It's been a lot of hard work."

Woods finished at 13-under 275 for his 72nd PGA Tour win, one short of Jack Nicklaus for second place on the career list. But that's not the record Woods wants. He has 14 majors, four short of the Nicklaus standard — now he'll try to end a four-year drought at the Masters, which starts April 5.

"I am excited, no doubt," Woods said. "I'm looking forward to the momentum I've built here."

It was the first time Woods had all four rounds under par since he returned from his personal crisis at the 2010 Masters.

McDowell made a 45-foot birdie putt and a 50-foot eagle putt early in the round to try to stay close, though he was never closer than two shots after starting with a double bogey. He closed with a 74.

Only two weeks ago, Woods was taken off Doral in the final round with tightness in his left Achilles tendon, the same injury that caused him to miss three months and two majors last year. It turned out to be a mild strain, and Sunday was the eighth straight day that Woods played golf — starting with a practice round last Sunday at Augusta. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Bay Hill's best**

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Sunday's win at Bay Hill was Tiger Woods' record seventh in the event.

**Palmer leaves tournament with health concerns**

**Arnold Palmer was hospitalized overnight after doctors noticed a rise in his blood pressure.**

- Palmer wasn't on the 18th green Sunday at the Arnold Palmer Invitational to see Tiger Woods end his PGA Tour drought.
- Alaistair Johnston, Palmer's longtime business manager, said the 82-year-old is on new medication and was checking his blood pressure throughout the final round. About 15 minutes before the tournament ended, doctors noticed enough of an increase to take him to the hospital for closer evaluation.

# Kadri, Hamilton return to Marlies

Thanks Naz. Now back to the Marlies with you.

The Toronto Maple Leafs dispatched forwards Nazem Kadri and Ryan Hamilton to the AHL Marlies on Sunday, their two-game stint as emergency recalls in the NHL apparently over.

By the time Tuesday's game against Carolina rolls around, some of the injured Leaf forwards are sure to be back healthy, meaning neither Kadri nor Hamilton will play with the Leafs at the end of the season that has an air of training camp around it.

The Leafs have picked up points in four of their last six games (3-2-1) and the desperation that existed during their 2-12-3 run that dropped them out of the playoff hunt seems to have abated. A sense of calm acceptance has overcome the Air Canada Centre.

Neither the fans nor the players are happy, but they all understand it's all about next year — and new hope — now.
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**Changes imminent**

**$59 M**

The Leafs have $59 million committed to 19 players next season, with a salary cap that could go into the $70-million range or drop lower than the current $64 million, depending on the outcome of a new round of collective bargaining. Regardless, the roster will undergo changes.

Former London Knight Nazem Kadri. JAMIE SABAU/GETTY IMAGES FILE

4 SPORTS

In brief

## 'Dream becomes a reality' in Quebec City

**It's official. Quebec City says it will begin construction on a new NHL-style arena this September. Now all the city needs is a team to play in it. Mayor Regis Labeaume announced Sunday the $400-million arena will hold about 18,000 people, saying it would be comparable to a facility built for the league's Pittsburgh Penguins a year ago. "Today, the dream becomes a reality," he told reporters at a news conference. Labeaume said the city can proceed with the project after finalizing an agreement with Quebecor on Friday, a week before a March 31 deadline. The media empire landed the naming rights for the future arena and was granted exclusive rights to manage the facility. If an NHL team is acquired, Quebecor would hand over $63.5 million for naming rights, plus $5 million in annual rent. Without one, the company would pay $33 million for the rights and an average of $3.15 million annually for rent.**
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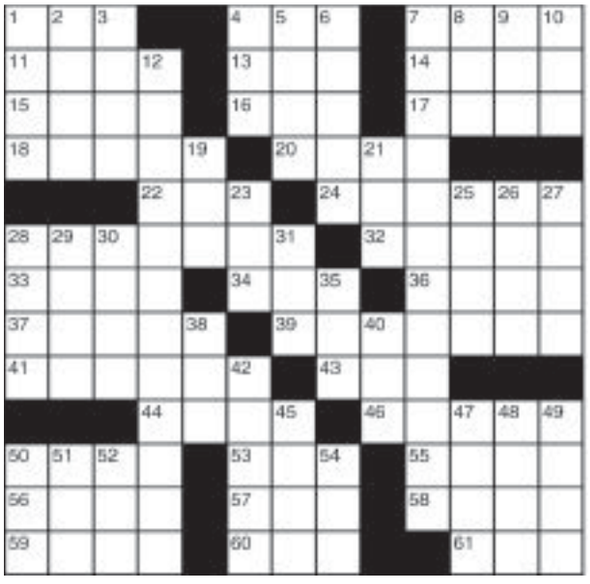

**Across**

1 — Wan Kenobi
4 Health resort
7 Recording
11 Swimming venue
13 Lummox
14 Thing
15 Opposed to
16 Buddy
17 Options list
18 Rife with foliage
20 Toothpaste container
22 Hearing organ
24 Shoe without laces
28 Sleep-wear
32 Trap
33 Verve
34 Wrinkly-faced dog
36 Faucet problem
37 Gives temporarily
39 "The Big Bang Theory" star Jim
41 Birdcage attachment
43 Swab the floors
44 Way out
46 Stretchy candy
50 Pop singer Lady —
53 To and —
55 Col. Mustard's game
56 Settled down
57 Legislation
58 Into the sunrise
59 Big party
60 Storm center
61 Next-to-last Greek letter

**Down**

1 October birthstone
2 Skeletal component
3 Tiny amount
4 Weep
5 Role
6 In a state of conflict
7 Ontologists' concerns
8 Dined
9 Corral
10 Flightless bird
12 Vitally important
19 Sweet potato
21 Derek and Diddley
23 Knock
25 Gambling game
26 Ms. Brockovich
27 Agents, for short
28 Riches
29 Sheltered
30 Tarzan's wife
31 Dine
35 Leg, slangily
38 Gender
40 Deterioration
42 Winchester or Spring-field
45 Salver
47 Envelope part
48 Commotion
49 Bigfoot's cousin
50 Talk on and on
51 Chicken king
52 Our soldiers
54 Have bills

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

### Yesterday's answer

## Sudoku

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

### Yesterday's answer

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| 5 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 4 |
| 8 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 9 |
| 9 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 3 |
| 4 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 8 |
| 3 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 1 |
| 1 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 7 |
| 7 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 8 |
| 2 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 5 |
| 6 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 2 |

## Send a kiss

- **To Dee.** I'm younger, you're older. I was brought up in a conservative household, you were brought up in a liberal one. I'm time-oriented, and you take your time to make things right. We have so many things not in common... but that's what makes our relationship so special. Thank you for everything and more. Cheers to a bottom-less pitt of memories and love. From Ree
- **Yes.** You already won me, just gotta go get me, but I can get you too. From Yes
- **Either.** because im single, maybe your not? But you want it up to me, im fine with that, don't overthink it, not a bad thing, same thing you did before would be awesome. But it can be up to me, just hope you really let me... From Way u Missed Connection
- **Same.** You know it's been this way for me too, but now pretty sure I know why. And when everythings said and done with my life, I can maybe be beside you if you do what you gotta do. From here

## Horoscope

**Aries | March 21 - April 20.** Try to keep your more caustic comments to yourself or you'll spend the next few days apologizing.

**Taurus | April 21 - May 21.** Somewhere along the line you have made an embarrassing, and maybe costly, mistake but you must not let it affect your confidence.

**Gemini | May 22 - June 20.** You just know that someone is keeping something from you and it's causing you a fair bit of anguish.

**Cancer | June 21 - July 22.** You may find it harder than usual to express yourself today but that's probably no bad thing.

**Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.** Why are you finding it hard to be cheerful when so many things are going your way?

**Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.** You really don't care what other people think but even so it might be wise to listen to their criticisms today.

**Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.** The best way to deal with someone who is giving you a hard time today is not to give them a hard time in return but to be nice to them.

**Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.** Make sure you have got your facts right before wading in with an opinion

**Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.** Take care not to fall out with someone you usually get along with quite well over what is really a trivial matter.

**Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20.** You may be impatient to get started on something you have been planning for ages.

**Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18.** This is a good day for thinking but maybe not such a good day for actively pursuing your ambitions.

**Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.** Mercury in your sign is at odds with Saturn, which suggests you may not be thinking straight over the next 24 hours. Fortunately, Pisces is a sign that relies more on intuition — and your instincts are perfect as usual.

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